

## CONDENSERS

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } n &= \frac{3600 \times 5 \times 1760 \times 0.65 \times 0.65 \times 62}{12 \times 1167} \text{ JL}^* \text{ L44} \times 1000,000 \\ &= 389 \text{ tubes per pass.} \\ \text{Total number of tubes} &= 3 \times 389 \\ &= 1167, \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{1167 \times 1760 \times 0.75}{12 \times 1167} = 77 \text{ ft. per pass.}$$

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The condensation per square foot of tube surface per hour

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{20,000}{1760} \\ &= 11.4 \text{ lb. nearly.} \end{aligned}$$

Referring to steam tables, the vacuum would be 30 — 2-  
24 = 2776 in.  
of mercury when the barometer stands at 30 in.

If the outlet water temperature  $t_2 = 100^\circ \text{ F.}$ , with all  
other conditions  
the same, a similar calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 792,000 \text{ lb. per hour,} \\ t_m &= 13.6^\circ \text{ F.,} \\ S &= 2330 \text{ sq. ft.,} \\ n &= 308 \text{ tubes per pass,} \\ \text{or total tubes} &= 3 \times 308 = 924. \\ / &= 12.9 \text{ ft. per pass,} \\ \text{and steam condensed per } \frac{1}{\text{square foot per hour}} &= \frac{20,000}{2330} = 8.6 \text{ lb. per hour.} \end{aligned}$$

A comparison of the results in these two examples indicates how the necessary cooling surface and length of tubes increases the nearer the outlet-water temperature  $t_2$  is made to approach the steam-inlet temperature  $T_s$ .

Any deposit of oil or dirt on the tube surfaces increases the resistance to heat transmission, and tends to reduce the vacuum. With steam turbines very little or no oil should find its way into the turbine casing, and therefore there is not much likelihood of oil being deposited on the condenser tubes by the steam. In reciprocating engines, however, oil is used in the cylinder for the lubrication of the valves and piston, and some of this oil is deposited on the tube surfaces, even though an oil separator may be used between the engine and the condenser.

The water used for circulation is sometimes very dirty, and then deposits mud or dirt on the inside of the tubes, again causing a reduction of the heat transmission. Speaking generally, however, the higher the velocity of the water through the tubes the less is this deposit likely to

grow. In both  
cases it is necessary to clean through the condenser  
periodically in order to  
preserve a good vacuum in the condenser.